



From the Pastor's Desk:

This is the last official weekend of summer 2010. I pray we will all enjoy it.

Some News: Monsignor Hamilton's Knee replacement surgery went very well. He went through some physical therapy and rehabilitation and is doing well. He is expected to be back at the rectory either Friday, September 3rd or Tuesday September 7th. While here he will receive continued rehabilitative physical therapy... this is the plan as of this writing. Keep praying for his complete recovery. As those of you familiar with replacement knee surgery, it is never

without pain, but that is part of the healing process and Monsignor's attitude and stamina are just what the doctor ordered.

Next – Father Augustine Oraka is detained in Nigeria due to his need to obtain a reentry visa which could take him months to obtain. We will have to proceed as though he will not be returning. If he does return we will work with the Priests Personnel Office at that point. Along with this came the news that on Saturday, August 28th the Mother of Fr. Oraka died. That was actually the day he was supposed to fly back had he not been delayed by immigration issues. Perhaps his delay was meant to be in God's design and Fr. Oraka's need to be at home. Please pray for him and his family and remember his beloved Mother in your prayers. She will be buried in Nigeria on September 15th. ETER-NAL REST GRANT TO HER O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Next – With the absence of Fr. Oraka and the temporary incapacitation of Msgr. Hamilton I ask that you understand your priests' need to adjust their schedules at times. With the catholic school, religious education program and parish organization year starting, along with daily Masses, Funerals and Weddings, etc., etc., etc. there is much to do all around the parish. Pray for us.

Next – DLPH School begins its 2010 – 2011 School Year. As of today our enrollment is 226 students which will allow us to start with the right number upon which we based a balanced budget for this school year. I want to thank Mrs. Lubrano for working so hard over the last few months with our Diocesan Finance Team to scrub the budget so that we could present to the Bishop and the Education Department this balanced budget. We are all dedicated to keeping the course and continuing to raise the spirit and get the word out, through continued marketing initiatives, that we are one of the finest Catholic Schools in the Diocese. We need and expect the support of all of our school families in the area of fundraising so that we can build on what we have in the areas of technology and academics, and, updating our classrooms and facilities. We are ALWAYS OPEN to enroll new students.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank those who contribute to our "Guardian Angel Program", a tuition assistance grant program for families of students experiencing financial difficulties. If you are able to help, in any amount, please check the bulletin each week for details of how to help by simply sending the parish a check "DLPH Church" and mark it "Guardian Angel Program Donation". Eleven families are MOST GRATEFUL to have been blessed by your generosity. **THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR SCHOOL AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Next – Tom Acemoglu (former DLPH youth minister) has assumed the position as Director of Religious Education. His theological background and vision for the development of the Religious Education Program will build on what Dianna Castelano left as a firm foundation of faith formation. Tom's skills with teacher and parent education and interaction will lead the parish to embrace a new level of outreach to families and a new depth to the faith of all. Pray for Tom, all of our Teachers and office staff as they work daily to bring Christ to our children and their families.

Last, but not least – Pray for the Youth of our parish, and their new Youth Minister, Ann Marie Wagner, who volunteered to take over the Life Teen Program. She and a great group of young adults and adults (Core Team) have offered a great summer and have plans for much more spiritual growth and just plain fun for the coming year. **SUPPORT THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OF THOSE YOUTH WORKING HARD TO RAISE MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF "WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011" WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI IN SPAIN.** Pray for their success!

May God +bless you and yours now and forever.

Father Anthony